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Former Iowa Juvenile Detention Administrator Named to Head Swanson Center for Youth

MONROE, La. – The Louisiana Office of Youth Development has selected Iowa juvenile justice administrator Glenn D. Holt as the new director of Swanson Center for Youth.

Holt was selected after a national search. As director he will play a major role in Louisiana's effort to reform its juvenile justice system into one that emphasizes more treatment and rehabilitation over incarceration. Swanson houses about 200 youth at its Monroe facility.

"Glenn comes to us from a system that has gone through reform. He understands what is involved in moving toward a more therapeutic model. That makes him a perfect fit for Swanson and for our reform effort," OYD Deputy Secretary Simon Gonsoulin said.

Holt was director of the Polk County Juvenile Detention and Central Intake Center in Des Moines, Iowa. He also served as state director of a prison ministry program at Newton Correctional Facility and treatment manager at Clarinda Correctional Facility, both in Iowa.

He earned a Certified Public Manager certificate from Drake University Center for Professional Studies in Des Moines and attended Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa. He also attended Iowa Western Community College in Clarinda, Iowa and Vincennes University in Indiana.

Holt replaces former Swanson director Bill Caldwell, who retired in April.

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